

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE COMMISSION ON AGING**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on September 13, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Craft, Draper, Kraemer, Robelotto, and Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino

Absent: Commissioner Virobik

Staff: Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand

MOTION: Commissioner Robelotto moved to approve the excused absence of Commissioner Virobik; motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Virobik)

FLAG SALUTE

Kathleen Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL

None

ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Craft moved and Commissioner Kraemer seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of September 13, 2011. The motion carried. (Absent Commissioner Virobik)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Robelotto moved and Commissioner Draper seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of August 9, 2011. The motion carried. (Absent Commissioner Virobik)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Kathleen Davis, Torrance Women's Club

SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

A. City Council Activities

Commissioner Kraemer noted that City Manager Leroy Jackson celebrated 45 years with the City of Torrance.

Commissioner Kraemer reported that funds were appropriated for the Senior Mobile Home Space Rent Subsidy Program for the next year and that the subsidy would consist of \$100 per month for a maximum of 60 people.

There was a discussion of why the funds had not been completely used last year and if there was a better way to advertise the program. Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino noted that Focal Point did distribute information on the program. Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand

stated that she would ask D. R. Richardson at the Housing Office if there was a way to let more people know about the program.

B. Housing

None

C. Health

Commissioner Robelotto reported on an article from a doctor who noted that doctors and hospital staff needed to take the time to listen to their patients.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino distributed a letter that LACCOA had sent to Governor Brown, protesting the closure of adult day care centers.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand stated that she was on a needs assessment committee that was working with the Salvation Army to study the type of adult daycare program that was needed.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand distributed information on the Health and Resource Fair on September 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army at 4223 Emerald Street.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand stated that there would be a flu clinic at the Ken Miller Recreation Center on November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino stated that she would update the Commission when she had more information on the flu clinic in November at Wilson Park.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino announced that there was a free CPR training class for Torrance residents at Torrance Memorial Medical Center on October 1, with a session at 9:00 a.m. and another at 1:00 p.m.

There was a discussion about possible increases in Medicare premiums.

D. Transportation

None

E. Community Programs

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand reported that the sign up for the Torrance Travelers trips was successful, one trip was sold out and the other two had only a few openings still available.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino noted that there was a Fall Bazaar on September 17 at the Ken Miller Recreation Center, sponsored by the Attic.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino announced that there would be a Safety Fair at Sears in the Del Amo Mall on October 8 and 9, and that CERT, the Fire and Police departments would have exhibits.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino reported that she had attended the 9-11 Memorial Service at City Hall, which was moving and very informative.

Commissioner Kraemer announced that the Torrance Historic Society was conducting a three week volunteer project to list all of the historic homes in the Old Torrance district in order to establish a historic district.

F. Focal Point Program

None

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Craft reported on an internet scam asking for bank information.

Commissioner Kraemer reported on pigeon drop scams.

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino noted that the Torrance Police had several informative videos on scams on their website.

There was a discussion of burglaries occurring during home fumigations.

ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson Kimmel-Dagostino stated that the Annual Report had been changed as requested and when approved, would be presented to the City Council on September 27. She requested that Commissioner Kraemer attend the City Council meeting on September 27 to be available to answer any questions from the Council.

MOTION: Commissioner Kraemer moved and Commissioner Robelotto seconded, to accept the Annual Report. The motion carried. (Absent Commissioner Virobik)

ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Kraemer stated that she had attended the free Sunday in the Park program by the Torrance Symphony and noted that it was very enjoyable.

Commissioner Kraemer reported that the Madrona Marsh fundraiser was on October 1.

Commissioner Robelotto reported that Redondo Beach was giving away organic mulch at Wilderness Park from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17.

Kathleen Davis stated that she had enjoyed attending the meeting and noted that the Woman's Club would hold a game night on October 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with the cost of \$5 per person, with the proceeds going to the Attic.

Commissioner Robelotto stated that she would email Councilmember Furey and inform him that Kathleen Davis was interested in becoming a Commissioner on the Commission on Aging.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center.

Approved as Submitted October 11, 2011 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
